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SUBJECT: EXCESS PROPERTY/GOM REQUEST FOR 607A DETERMINATION

REF: A) STATE 195707, DTG 031455Z AUG 78 (NOTAL)

- B) STATE 150184, DTG 132216Z JUN 78 (NOTAL)
- C) STATE 142793, DTG 061906Z JUN 78 (NOTAL)

1. ON AUGUST 23, EMBASSY RECEIVED A LETTER FROM FOREIGN SECRETARY ABELA CONVEYING THE INFORMATION WE HAD REQUESTED FOR SUBMISSION TO AID FOR A 607 SMALL A DETERMINATION FOR THE GOM. THE EMBASSY ENDORSES THE GOM'S APPLICATION FOR A SECTION 607 SMALL A DETERMINATION AND REQUESTS THE DEPARTMENT AND AID TO PROCESS ITS APPLICATION AS EXPEDIENTLY AS POSSIBLE. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE DETERMINATION ALLOW THE GOM EIGHTEEN TO TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS PERIOD OF ELIGIBILITY TO PURCHASE US EXCESS PROPERTY.

2. THE INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY ABELA FOLLOWS:

(A) CATEGORIES OF PROPERTY REQUIREMENTS:

FEDERAL SUPPLY GROUP	DESCRIPTION
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- 19 SHIPS, SMALL CRAFT, PONTOONS, AND FLOATING DOCKS
- 20 SHIP AND MARINE EQUIPMENT
- 23 GROUND EFFECT VEHICLES, MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAILERS AND CYCLES

- 24 TRACTORS
- 25 VEHICULAR EQUIPMENT COMPONENTS
- 26 TIRES AND TUBES
- 36 SPECIAL INDUSTRY MACHINERY
- 38 CONSTRUCTION, MINING, EXCAVATING, AND HIGHWAY
MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT
- 39 MATERIALS HANDLING EQUIPMENT
- 54 PREFABRICATED STRUCTURES AND SCAFFOLDING
- 43 PUMPS AND COMPRESSORS

(B) GOM ESTIMATES THAT THE TOTAL ORIGINAL ACQUISITION COST FOR THE EP IT WISHES TO ACQUIRE IS \$24 MILLION (TWENTY-FOUR MILLION DOLLARS).

(C) FOLLOWING IS GOM'S STATEMENT ON PLANNED END USE OF THIS EP: "THIS EQUIPMENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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NEW PORT AT MARSAXLOKK WHICH IS TO BE DEVELOPED INTO A TRANSHIPMENT AND STORAGE BASE AND WOULD INCORPORATE THE FOLLOWING MAIN FEATURES:

- (A) A BREAKWATER ARM EXTENDING 1140 METRES
- (B) A CONTAINER BERTH 450 METRES LONG AND 12 TO 14 METRES DRAFT; A RO RO BERTH AND CONTAINER PARK OF 112,000 SQUARE METRES
- (C) A DRY BULK BERTH 310 METRES LONG AND 11 METRES DRAFT AND STORAGE AREA
- (D) GENERAL CARGO BERTHS OVERALL 845 METRES LONG AND 10 METRES DRAFT
- (E) SERVICE BERTHS 420 METRES LONG AND LESS THAN 10 METRES DRAFT FOR TUGS AND OTHER HARBOUR CRAFT INCLUDING ANOTHER RO RO BERTH."

3. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, THE GOM HAS ALREADY FORWARDED TWO LISTS OF EQUIPMENT FOR INFORMAL REVIEW BY AID/EPD. RESULTS OF THIS REVIEW WERE SENT TO EMBASSY IN REF A AND AID/EPD'S MEMORANDUM OF 07/07/78. ONCE SECTION 607 SMALL A DETERMINATION PROCESS IS COMPLETED WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANOTHER REVIEW OF THESE TWO LISTS OF EQUIPMENT (AS OUTLINED IN REF A).

4. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP IF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH 2 IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO ENABLE AID TO MAKE A FAVORABLE SECTION 607 SMALL A DETERMINATION.

5. GOM'S LETTER OF AUGUST 23 ALSO ASKED "IF YOU COULD ARRANGE FOR TWO OF OUR PEOPLE TO GO TO GERMANY TO VIEW THE EXCESS EQUIPMENT THERE IN ORDER TO ENABLE THEM TO BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO DECIDE ON THE ACTUAL ITEMS WHICH COULD THEN BE PURCHASED BY THE GOM. THIS COULD BE FOLLOWED BY A SIMILAR VISIT TO THE STATES". WE INTEND TO RESPOND TO

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THIS REQUEST BY STATING THAT COMPLETION OF THE 607 SMALL A DETERMINATION PROCESS AND CONFIRMATION THAT CERTAIN OF THE EP REQUESTED BY THE GOM HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AND IS AVAILABLE FOR CASH PROCUREMENT AT EP DEPOTS IN GERMANY ARE PREREQUISITES TO SUCH INSPECTION TRIPS. WE WILL ALSO REITERATE TO THE GOM THAT INSPECTION VISITS MUST BE PRECEDED BY ADEQUATE ADVANCE NOTICE TO AID/EPD. WILSON

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